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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

14 July 1971



MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General Phillip B. Davidson, Jr.
 Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
 Department of the Army

SUBJECT : "Reported Desertion of American Master
 Sergeant to the Viet Cong in Ham Thuan District,
 Binh Thuan Province, "[REDACTED]"

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Attached for your information is a report on the alleged desertion of an American Master Sergeant which you may find of interest. This report has been sent to Lt. General Bennett at whose suggestion we are sending this personal copy to you. General Bennett has informed us that a positive identification of the individual cited in the attached report has not yet been made. During the period October 1966-December 1969, the Department of the Army lists ten deserters in South Vietnam whose last name begins with an "L" and who might possibly be the deserter in question. According to General Bennett, a request has already been made to the Provost Marshal's office to obtain physical descriptions of these deserters and other information that might aid in identification.

George A. Carver, Jr.
 Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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cc: Rear Admiral Harlfinger
 Major General Triantafellu
 Colonel Quillian

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1 - [REDACTED] file w/att (plus Gen. Bennett's memo)
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. General Donald V. Bennett

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The attached report of the alleged [redacted] US Master Sergeant to the VC was obtained from the interrogation of [redacted]

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undetermined. Because of the nature of this report, we are making distribution in the field only to those US officials concerned. In Washington, you, Admiral Epes and Frank Sieverts are the only recipients, but we can make further distribution if you so recommend.

George A. Carver, Jr. 14 June 1971
(DATE)

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